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FM AMEMBASSY KINSHASA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3460  
INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA  
AMEMBASSY BANGUI BY POUCH  
AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS  
AMEMBASSY BUJUMBURA  
AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM  
AMEMBASSY FORT LAMY BY POUCH  
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SUBJ: GOZ IRKED BY BURUNDI PRESIDENT' S FAILURE TO SHOW

1. PRESIDENT MICOMBERO, SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN KINSHASA MORNING OF MAY 23 FOR STOP ENROUTE TO ADDIS, WAS NOT ABOARD ZAIRIAN AIRCRAFT THAT HAD BEEN SENT TO FETCH HIM WHEN IT LANDED IN KINSHASA. RADIO ZAIRE REPORTER COVERING ARRIVAL DID NOT CONCEAL HIS ASTONISHMENT WHEN ZAIRIAN AMBASSADOR TO BURUNDI WAS ONLY OFFICIAL TO GET OUT OF PLANE. AMBASSADOR GAVE NO EXPLANATION FOR MICOMBERO' S FAILURE TO COME. RADIO ZAIRE MORNING MAY 24 COMMENTED THAT BURUNDI HAD STILL NOT FURNISHED EXPLANATION.

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2. KINSHASA DAILY SALONGO MAY 24 RAN FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL DEPLORING TIME LOST BY ZAIRIAN LEADERS WHO HAD WAITED IN VAIN AT AIRPORT, UNDERSCORING FACT THAT MICOMBERO HAD EARLIER REQUESTED ZAIRIAN AIRCRAFT TO BRING HIM TO KINSHASA, AND REPORT PILOT AS SAYING THAT WHEN HE GOT TO BUJUMBURA HE WAS SIMPLY INFORMED THAT MICOMBERO HAD CHANGED HIS PROGRAM. EDITOR EMPHASIZED THAT THUS FAR NO WORD OF EXPLANATION HAD BE PROVIDED. HE OBSERVED MICOMBERO HAD THUS INSULTED ZAIRE AND AFRICA. HE HAD LENT WEIGHT TO VIEW THAT AFRICANS ARE CARELESS ABOUT SCHEDULES. EVEN IF MICOMBERO HAD SERIOUS PROBLEMS AT HOME ( AND WHAT AFRICAN CHIEF OF STATE DIDN' T) THIS DID NOT EXCUSE DISCOURTESY OF KEEPING HOST IN IGNORANCE. EDITORIAL CONCLUDED THAT THIS NO WAY TO TREAT NEIGHBOR WHO HAS AMPLY SHOWN FRIENDLY DISPOSITION THROUGH ACTIVE COOPERATION.  
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